

BURGLARS AT BAY IN A FREIGHT CAR.

Hard at Work on a Post
Office Safe When They
Were Discovered.

Their Drawn Revolvers Awed the
Crowd, and Checked Pur-
suit for a While.

Train on Which They Took Refuge
Stopped and Surrounded by a
Large Armed Posse.

A DESPERATE BATTLE FOLLOWED.

When the Fugitives Surrendered Two Were
Too Badly Wounded to Move, While
the Other Three Had Made
Their Escape.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 24.—A desperate
gang of burglars was foiled in an attempt
to rob the Mauch Chunk Post Office this
morning, and two were captured after a
severe fight.

The gang, which numbered five men, se-
cured an entrance into the store of H. A.
Buckman, next door to the Post Office, and
cut through the thin wall. They then at-
tacked the large safe, and with muffled
hammers and chisels broke the combination
lock from the door of the safe and had
started to drill through the holes thus made
when several young persons, homeward
bound from a ball, heard the noise and
gave the alarm.

Some fifteen young men who had been at
the ball and a few persons living near the
Post Office were hurriedly secured and di-
vided into two parties, one going to the
rear of the Post Office and the other to
the front door. Then, although they were
not armed, they called upon the burglars
to surrender.

SCARED BY THE REVOLVERS.
Dropping their tools the latter boldly ap-
peared at the front door with drawn re-
volvers. At the sight of the weapons the
little crowd dispersed rapidly and the bur-
glars rushed out on the sidewalk and down
the street, turning frequently to threaten
the constantly growing crowd, which fol-
lowed timidly.

Mauch Chunk has only a few policemen,
and by the time the first officer joined the
crowd the burglars were in the New Jersey
Central Railroad yards. A coal train, north
bound, was pulling out at the time, and
they jumped aboard this and were soon
out of reach of the citizens.

As it would have taken valuable time to
fire up an engine, Chief of Police Lantz
telegraphed to all the towns along the road
through which the coal train would pass.
The first town of importance north of
Mauch Chunk is White Haven, and when
the operator received the message he hur-
riedly sent for the Chief of Police, and as
quickly as possible a posse of police, con-
stable and citizens was formed. It was re-

solved to stop the train below the city,
the better to capture the robbers, and this
was done, the train being flagged just
where the mountain is on one side and the
Lehigh River, some yards away, on the
other.

SPOLIING A SURPRISE.
As the train stopped there was some
shooting among the members of the posse
and the burglars were thus alarmed. They
were in an empty freight car in about the
middle of the train, and opened fire at
once. The flashes of their revolvers showed
the posse where to aim, and the fire was
returned with good effect.

Scattered as they were and firing from
behind telegraph poles and piles of logs the
members of the posse offered but small
marks to the desperate gang in the car,
and none of them was wounded. The fir-
ing was brisk for about five minutes, and
then the return from the burglars gradually
slackened and stopped, and the posse heard
voices shouting: "Don't fire; we give up;
we surrender!"

They then advanced on the car and found
only two men in it, both wounded and help-
less. Most of the party began to look for
the other three. One who was soon found
hiding under a car dashed for the river,
followed by a number of shots, and jumped
in. Spots of blood were found on the
bank, showing that he had been wounded,
and the river is so high and swift that it
is almost impossible for a strong swimmer
to get across.

The other two men had evidently made
their way up the steep mountain and have
not yet been captured.

Meanwhile, the two men in the car were
found to be wounded. One was shot through
the shoulder and had an arm broken by
another shot, and the other had two ugly
wounds in his back, which are thought to
be fatal. In the bottom of the car was found
a stocking containing five sticks of dynam-
ite. The man who is wounded in the back
is too weak to talk, but the other says his
name is Henry Couper. He will give no
further particulars about himself and
will say nothing about the rest of the gang.
Both men are poorly dressed and look
like tramps. There was nothing in their
clothing by which they could be identified.
They were taken back to Mauch Chunk this
afternoon and are now in the hospital
there.

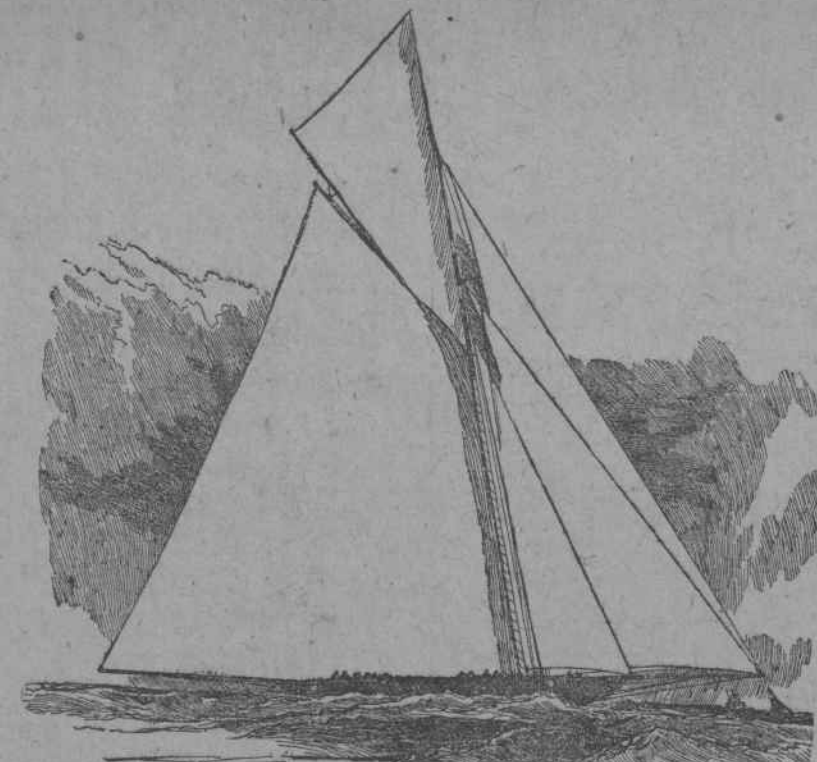
HILDRETH'S GREAT NERVE.

All Marvel at the Pluck of the Accused
Young Train Wrecker on Trial
for His Life.

Rome, N. Y., April 24.—The fifth day of the
trial of John Watson Hildreth closed to-
night with the task of securing a jury still
unfurnished. One juror was obtained to-day,
making ten in all, and court adjourned
until 2 p. m. Monday, when an effort will
be made to complete the jury.

The examination of witnesses shows a
strong sentiment against Hildreth. Most
men called have told a good deal about the
case, and have formed such strong opinions
as to disqualify them. At the opening of
the case general sentiment prevailed that
Hildreth could not be convicted of any-
thing stronger than murder in the second
degree. From the talk at present, many
people would not be surprised of a ver-
dict of guilty of the indictment of murder
in the first degree.

Hildreth keeps up courage, however, and
says he is confident of an acquittal. His
pluck is really wonderful. He was taken
with a bilious attack this morning and
the jail physician called on him twice to-
day. A diet of hot milk was prescribed.
Hildreth's father is expected to be present
at the trial next week.



THIEF SHOT ON A LADDER.

While Trying to Enter a Post Office with
Two Companions He Is
Fatally Wounded.

Rome, N. Y., April 24.—An attempted
post office robbery by three men at Leon-
ardsville, Madison County, was interrupted
early this morning and one of the burglars
was fatally shot.

At 1:30 the attention of Postmaster Tul-
ley's son and a companion was aroused by
flashlights outside of the building. Looking
out of a window, they saw three men.
While one of the men was ascending a lad-
der, Tulley raised the window and shot the
intruder, who fell to the ground. His two
associates fled. The injured burglar gave
his name once as Wilson and again as Wil-
bur.

A dynamite cartridge was found back of
the post office this morning. It was also
found that Hoxie's feed store, Wiley's milk
station, and Edwards' meat market had
been entered by burglars during the night.

AILSAL FIRED UPON BY RIFFIANS.

The well-known racing yacht was re-
turning from the Mediterranean regatta
to England, when she was becalmed off
the Morocco coast. Riff pirates, went
out in boats and fired on her with mus-
kets. Fortunately for the Ailsa, a
breeze sprang up and she was able to
sail to Gibraltar.

The Jewess Deserts Chicago.
The American Jewess, a monthly mag-
azine devoted to religious, social and lit-
erary subjects, which has proven quite a suc-
cess in Chicago, has moved to New York
from the Windy City, and will have offices
located in the Rhineland building, in
Duane street. Mrs. Rosa Sonneschein is
the editor of the magazine.

PIRATES FIRE ON AILSA.

Riffians Make a Bold Attempt to Capture
the Famous English Yacht
Off Morocco.

London, April 24.—The St. James Gazette
publishes a dispatch from Gibraltar to the
Exchange Telegraph Company, which says
that while A. B. Kier's yacht Ailsa was re-
turning to England from the recent regat-
a in the Mediterranean, she became be-
calmed off the coast of Morocco.

Riffians put off in a boat and when within
range fired a volley of musketry at the
yacht.

The Ailsa, not having any arms on board,
made no reply, but a light breeze springing
up, enabled her to get away from the Rif-
fians and reach Gibraltar.

That piracy is by no means so dead as
most people imagine is shown by the attack
on the well-known yacht Ailsa. From time
immemorial the inhabitants of the northern
and western coasts of Africa have resorted
to piracy as a means of livelihood, and all
efforts that have been made by the various
powers of Europe to suppress and put an
end to this pest have been in vain. In the
early part of the present century England,
as well as France, maintained a fleet along
the Moorish coast, for the sole purpose of
destroying piratical craft and for pelting
these waters.

It was only the other day that a large En-
glish sailing vessel was towed into Gibraltar
by a steamer which had found her drifting
near Tetuan with not a soul on board, but
with her decks, above and below, stained
with blood and showing evident signs of
having been plundered by pirates, who had
probably been disturbed in their fiendish
work before they had had time to sink the
ship. Three years previously an identically
similar case had been reported from Gib-
raltar. No crew was ever found to the fate
of the crew of either of the two ships.

Many is the yacht that has been com-
pelled to use firearms to drive off pirates
who hoped to take advantage of a calm to
board and loot the pleasure craft, while
Hogya contains among its records the name
of many a ship which has been wrecked on
the Barbary coast, and the crews of which
have vanished from human ken, sold into
slavery and conveyed into the interior of
Africa.

On March 28, while becalmed at a distance
of three miles from the African coast, the
British ship San Joseph was boarded by a
band of about 150 Riff pirates, who took

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possession of the ship and towed it in
shore. The cargo, the ship's stores and
everything that could be removed was car-
ried off, and the passengers and crew were
tied together in couples and then auctioned
off at \$200 apiece. One of them managed
to affect his escape, and it is from him that
the British authorities obtained the above
story, which was subsequently corroborated
by the return to port of a British gunboat
bringing in tow the San Joseph, which it
had found drifting about as a derelict. This
act of piracy took place virtually under the
very guns of the English fortress of Gib-
raltar and almost in sight of the latter.

CYADIDE ENDED HER LIFE.

But Recent Developments Raise a Serious
Doubt Whether Mrs. Wong He Chong
Committed Suicide.

Coroner Tutill has changed the date for
holding the inquest in the case of Mrs.
Wong He Chong from Tuesday next to
Tuesday of the following week, evidence
having developed tending to prove that the
woman may not have committed suicide.
Dr. Ernest J. Lederle, chemist of the
Board of Health, yesterday presented his
report on the analysis of the materials sent
him by the Coroner. He found that the wo-
man's stomach contained cyanide of potas-
sium, and reported that the woman died
from acute toxic gastritis due to the pres-
ence of the drug.

The box found containing the poison is
not a druggist's box, but a jeweler's box.
The druggist whose label appears on the
box says he did not sell the cyanide found
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Tutill postponed the inquest in order to
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